

The Amusing Episode of the Unexpected Letter and the Altered Diagram.

ONE MOMENT, WARDEN!

A LETTER FOR PETE FROM HIS MOTHER. NO OBJECTION TO A PRISONER'S MOTHER WRITING TO HIM—ON THE CONTRARY—IT ALWAYS HAS A GOOD EFFECT! TAKE IT TO HIM, KEEPER.

PETE'S MOTHER! - WHY SHE'S BEEN DEAD TWENTY YEARS! HOWEVER WE'LL JUST STEAM THIS LETTER OPEN AND SEE WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY!

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JUST AS I THOUGHT -
A DIAGRAM! - A PLAN
OF ESCAPE! -
LOOK!

WHAT?!

!!

Building the Great Wall of China

Dear Pete an Toby:-

Swipe a chisel from the carpenter shop where they've got youse workin an dig accordn to directions on this diagram.

Professor.

5 ft
4 ft
3 ft
5 ft
15 ft
5 ft
4 ft
5 ft
OUTSIDE OF PRISON WALL

NO, NO - I'VE A BETTER SCHEME - GIVE PETE HIS LETTER - GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL THE CHISEL - I WANT TO TEACH THEM A LESSON!

A LETTER FROM YOUR MOTHER, PETE.

FER ME ?? - FROM ME MOTHER ?!! - WY I AIN'T GOT NO —

WHY YES-LETS SEE WOT THE POOR OLD LIDY'S GOT TO STE!

Dear Pete and Toby:-

Swipe a chisel from the carpenter shop where they've got youse workin an dig according to directions on this diagram, Professor.

Diagram description: A path is drawn starting from a point. The first segment is labeled '10 ft' and goes up and to the right. The second segment is labeled '8 feet' and goes down and to the left. The third segment is labeled '4 ft' and goes straight down. The fourth segment is labeled '3 ft' and goes straight right. The fifth segment is labeled '4 ft' and goes straight up. The sixth segment is labeled '4 ft' and goes up and to the right, ending at a point labeled 'TO SAFETY' with an arrow pointing towards it.

THE KEEPER WON'T BE
ALONG HERE AGIN TILL
EVENIN' — BY THAT TIME
WE'LL BE —

OUT O' THIS
PRISON AN' PLATIN'
THREE HANDED PINOCHLE
AT 'OME IN OUR 'ANGOUT
WITH THE PROFESSOR !

PL'ME HIF I DONT SEE A GLIMMER O' LIGHT!

SO SIMPLE, TOBY-NUTHIN' TO IT !!

THE CHANGES I MADE
IN YOUR DIAGRAM WERE
EVIDENTLY EASY TO FOLLOW.
MEN - WELCOME TO
YOUR NEW CELL !

HAWKSHAW
THE DETECTIVE !!

Dave Coverly

